

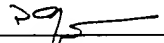
Applicants note that the Examiner did not address claim 26, but believe it would be properly classified with the product claims in Group I.

Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's reasons for restriction, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-15, 26 and 27 of Group I. Therefore, Applicants have canceled claims 16-25 without prejudice for possible inclusion in a divisional application.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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